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SUBJECT: STRIKE OF BAUXITE WORKERS AT LINDEN

REF: GEORGETOWN 2535

1. THE BAUXITE STRIKE CONTINUES AND A
TENSE SITUATION EXISTS AT LINDEN. THE PPP MIRROR OF
DECEMBER 14 REPORTED THAT THE GUYANA PEOPLE'S MILITIA
(GPM) HAS BEEN DEPLOYED TO WORK IN THE PLANTS AT GUYBAU
AND CONDEMNED THE QUOTE STRIKE-BREAKING TACTICS UNQUOTE.
THE MIRROR ARTICLE STATED THAT MASSIVE SEARCHES HAVE
BEEN CONDUCTED AND SECURITY AT LINDEN IS TIGHT. THE
PPP-CONTROLLED GUYANA AGRICULTURAL AND GENERAL WORKERS
UNION (GAWU) HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION CRITICIZING THE
GOVERNMENT FOR INHUMANE TREATMENT OF STRIKERS.

2. IN BRIEF COVERAGE, THE CHRONICLE OF DECEMBER 15
REPORTED THAT 34 OF 42 STRIKERS ARRESTED WERE
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GRANTED BAIL. HOWEVER, AN EMBOFF HAS LEARNED THAT
THOSE GRANTED BAIL REFUSED TO LEAVE CUSTODY
UNLESS BAIL WAS GRANTED FOR ALL. THE WORKERS ARE
REPRESENTED BY WELL-KNOWN DISSIDENT LAWYERS
MOSES BHAGWAN, LLEWELLYN JOHN, ASHTON CASE AND
MILES FITZPARTICK. BHAGWAN AND CHASE ALSO

REPRESENTED EUSI KWAYANA IN THE "DAYCLEAN" TRIAL.

3. REPORTS REACHING THE EMBASSY INDICATE THAT THE STRIKE IS CONTINUING WITH ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE WORKERS OUT. THE SILENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MEDIA PROBABLY REFLECTS GOG UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW TO RESPOND TO THE STRIKE AND CHARACTERIZE IT IN THE MEDIA. CLEARLY, THE WORKERS ARE NOT MODELS OF SOCIALIST DISCIPLINE AND PRODUCTIVITY. THIS IS INDEED AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT.
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